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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 49th meeting, on 15 November 2018, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, by a recorded vote of 67 to 26, with 82 abstentions. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.3/73/L.66.

II. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation.

III. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The requested activity referred to in the draft resolution relates to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference

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management, and programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (A/71/6/Rev.1).

4. It also relates to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, respectively).

IV. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

5. With regard to the implementation of operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the following resources would be required under section 24, Human rights:

(a) General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for six months in 2019, to gather and analyse the information collected under the applicable legal framework and the mandate of the resolution, develop relevant options and recommendations and prepare the report;

(b) Travel of the head of the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine to New York to present the report.

6. Furthermore, it is envisaged that the request for documentation contained in operative paragraph 14 would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words, to be issued in the six official languages of the United Nations in 2019. The requirements for documentation services are estimated in the amount of $26,000 in 2019, which would be absorbed within the approved appropriation for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

V. Financial implications of the proposal

7. To implement the request contained in operative paragraph 14, additional one-time requirements in the amount of $79,200 would be required under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (see table).

Resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	Total resource requirements	*To be absorbed*	*Additional requirements*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Pre-session documentation	26 000	26 000	–
Subtotal, section 2	**26 000**	**26 000**	**–**
Section 24, Human rights			
Other staff costs	74 500	–	74 500
Travel of staff	4 700	–	4 700
Subtotal, section 24	**79 200**	**–**	**79 200**
Total	**105 200**	**26 000**	**79 200**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

8. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activity requested under operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution. As reflected in paragraph 6 above, an amount of $26,000 would be absorbed within the approved appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. With regard to the balance of the requirements, it is not possible at present to identify activities within section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resources in the amount of $79,200 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VII. Contingency fund

9. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

10. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, additional resource requirements in the amount of $79,200 would arise under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. That amount would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**